



News Notes

Military Receive UH Football Ticket Discount

– Military members will receive discounted University of Hawaii football tickets on Veterans' Day. In honor of Veterans' Day, members of the Armed Services will receive two tickets for the price of one to the University of Hawaii football team's contest against Louisiana Tech, Saturday, at 6:05 p.m. A valid military identification card is required when purchasing tickets at the Aloha Stadium Box Office in advance or on game day. This discount is only available at the Stan Sheriff Center Box Office in advance, open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Toy donations for military tots – The Air Force Hawaii First Sergeants Association, along with the Hickam Federal Credit Union and Army Air Force Exchange Service is sponsoring the 2006 Operation Warm Heart Soldiers and angels tree campaign. People should stop by the credit union or the Hickam Main Exchange after Thanksgiving to sponsor a child.

Electrical Power Outage – There will be a power outage Nov. 18 from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The outage will affect buildings 1804, 1805, 1815, 1859, 1864, 2105, 2176, 4069 and 4115.

Attention dog owners – According to Wing Instruction 48-104, dog owners must keep their pets on leashes when walking them. "Owners will keep their pets indoors at their residence or exercise them on a leash. Dogs may be allowed outdoors confined to a secured fenced yard without a leash. They may also be tethered outdoors in an unfenced yard for up to one hour as long as fresh water and shade are

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State, AF unveil refueling station

By Senior Airman Erin Smith
Kukini Editor

State and U.S. Air Force officials gathered Nov. 2 to unveil Hawaii's and the U.S. Air Force's first hydrogen generation and dispensing station here.

The Honorable Linda Lingle, governor of Hawaii, The Honorable Daniel K. Akaka, U.S. Senator, Hawaii, The Honorable William C. Anderson, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for installations, environment and logistics, Mr. Mike Mead, chief, Air Force Advanced Power Technology office, Gen. Paul V. Hester, Pacific Air Forces Commander and Col. John J. Torres, 15th Airlift Wing commander were in attendance at the event, which marked the completion of a major achieve-

ment in a multi-phased alternative fuel vehicle development program that was launched five years ago.

"From the beginning, this has been a partnership between the state of Hawaii and the Air Force," said Secretary Anderson. "We've been working together since 2001 to bring this project together and through that effort created the National Demonstration Center for Alternative Fuel. The 15th Airlift Wing, the [Air Force Advanced Power Technology Office] and the Hawaii Center for Advanced Transportation Technologies have driven this project forward."

With higher standards for clean air and a need for less dependence on foreign oil, interest in alternate fuels has never been greater.

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Photo by Tech. Sgt. Shane Cuomo

Left to right, Kahu Kordell Kekoa, Mike Mead, The Honorable Daniel K. Akaka, The Honorable Linda Lingle, Col. John J. Torres and The Honorable William C. Anderson prepare to cut the ribbon during the opening ceremony for the Hydrogen production and fuel station.

Walk the L.I.N.E.



Photo by Lt. Col. David Wright

Capt. Tim Nauroth, 25th Air Support Operations Squadron, conducts a grappling reversal and executes an arm bar maneuver to incapacitate and control his opponent. A Linear In-fighting Neuro-override Engagement combatives course was completed by

members of the 25th Air Support Operations Squadron, 15th Security Forces Squadron, 15th Civil Engineer Squadron and 735th Air Mobility Squadron. The course taught Airmen critical close combat skills relevant to today's wartime environment.

Hickam plants trees, celebrates Arbor day

By Senior Airman Erin Smith
Kukini Editor

Team Hickam members gathered in front of the C-17 Operations building, Friday and planted three Narra trees, three Rainbow Shower trees and six Loulu Palm trees in celebration of Arbor Day.

Col. John J. Torres, 15th Airlift Wing commander spoke at the event and told a little of the history of Arbor Day and stressed the importance of pride and good stewardship of this base.

He quoted a Chinese proverb during his speech, "When you have no shade, don't blame the sun, blame yourself," he said.

Arbor Day, which was founded by Julius Sterlin Morton in Neb. in 1872 as a tree planting holiday. During the course of the 1870s, several other states passed legislation to observe Arbor Day. By 1894, Arbor Day was celebrated in each of the United States.

The day is normally celebrated the

last Friday in April but different states observe Arbor Day on different dates to coincide with the best tree-planting times, according to the arbor day website, www.arborday.org.

For Hawaii, this celebration takes place the first Friday in November.

Because of the benefits of trees, including absorbing pollutants, shade, protection from the wind and reduced noise pollution, the goal of many bases across the Air Force is to become a Tree City USA®.

Hickam has earned this honor for the past eight years.

When communities gain and retain Tree City USA® recognition it helps the community create a better management of its tree resources, according to the website.

"In this day and age, we must do what we can to help preserve the environment in which we complete our mission," said Colonel Torres.

For more information or to volunteer, call Aaron Hebshi, 15th Civil Engineer Squadron at 449-1584 ext. 234.



Photo by Senior Airman Erin Smith

Mr. Randall Kawell, 15th Civil Engineer Squadron plants a tree during the Arbor Day celebration.

Twenty selected for E-9

Twenty Team Hickam senior master sergeants were selected for promotion to the service's highest enlisted rank.

A total of 2,475 senior master sergeants were considered for promotion and 417 were promoted Air Force wide. The average score for selectees was 670.73.

Congratulations to Team Hickam promotees.

15th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
Daniel J. Wright

324th Intelligence Squadron
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13th Air Force
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PACOM
Nicholas Boduch
John Brinkley

15th Operations Support Squadron
Donna Concepcion

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Veterans – Protectors of Freedom

By Gen. Paul Hester
Pacific Air Forces Commander
Hickam AFB, Hawaii

Today we honor and express deep appreciation to our military Veterans, those great Americans who sacrificed for our nation's liberty and security.

Veterans have always gone far and beyond to ensure our protection and safety. From "the day which will live in infamy" here at Hickam Air Force Base, to the frost-bite conditions in the mountains of the Korean peninsula,



Gen. Paul Hester

from the arid conditions of Somalia to the deserts of Iraq and the hills of Afghanistan, Veterans have always stepped forward when our country needed them the most. Freedom is never free.

We recently paid tribute to all our departed Airmen in the world's greatest Air Force at the Air Force Memorial dedication in our nation's capital. This includes

over 54,000 Airmen who paid the ultimate sacrifice while on duty in the Air Force and its predecessor organization. As today's Airmen, you are not only serving in a historic time of war, but you continue our Air Force legacy during our service's 60th anniversary milestone.

On Veteran's Day, take a moment to thank a fellow Veteran...they gave the gift of their time to benefit us all. I also extend my THANK YOU to you, Pacific Air Forces' Airmen and families, for stepping forward to defend peace and protect freedom.

Good wingmen push dominos, make impact

By Lt. Col. Stephen Romolo
17th Operational Weather Squadron

Are you a domino pusher? I hope you said yes! Some push harder than others, but when it comes down to it, we all are domino pushers.

Let me explain. I was reading the AF Weather Observer magazine and came across a story called, "Most of you are domino pushers". It caught my attention because I noticed that it was written by Col Tom Frooninckx.

Why is he important? Well, Lt Frooninckx was my first supervisor when I became a weather officer, stationed at Langley AFB, Va., and he is now commander of the 1st Weather Group at Offutt AFB, Neb. His article discusses meteorology and the chain reaction of decisions and actions that occur based off of a weather forecast, warning or advisory.

As I started to think about his claim, I realized it's not just about weather forecasting, but it applies to everything we do.

Consider the numerous movies that have been written about the influences of one person on another. A couple of examples include It's a Wonderful Life and The Butterfly Effect. Have you pondered the effects your actions have on another person by just talking to them in everyday conversation?

More importantly and closer to the Air Force family, what about our feedback as supervisors or discussions on mentorship? Do you really know the impact you have, one-on-one, to those with whom you work or see on a daily basis?

If you think about it, everything we do or say has an impact ... A chain reaction which in turn feeds on itself and grows out-

ward. The way you express yourself, the way you talk, the way you conduct yourself around your coworkers, friends, family members and even strangers has an impact.

As Colonel Frooninckx stated in his article, "Unfortunately, we typical-

I don't know how many dominos I have pushed or what the final result of these pushes have been, but I hope my actions bring positive impacts to the people around me.

ly don't see all these dominos fall. Worse yet, we're not even aware of every domino that is falling. We're oblivious to most of what happens . . ."

I don't know how many dominos I have pushed or what the final result of these pushes have been, but I hope my actions bring positive impacts to the people around me.

As Thanksgiving approaches and we consider what we are thankful for, I encourage you to go out there and push over those dominos.

Make a positive impact on someone. You never know how much influence you really have, whether you are aware of it or not.

Your positive impact could be crucial during this season and remember that someone else's influence on you might have resulted in those things for which you are most thankful.

Give it a chance: Positive attitude changes life experiences

By Senior Master Sgt. Rocco Palmer
715th Air Mobility Operations Group

The other day I had the pleasure of joining Team Hickam during the monthly Warrior Run. As I approached the formations, I took the time to observe my fellow warriors as we all made our way towards the field where we would form up and get our day under way. It was then that I noted all the heads hung down and the foot dragging. If I hadn't known any better, I'd guess that everyone was on their way to a funeral. No smiles, no energy, and most of all no enthusiasm for what we were about to do-but that would soon change.

As everyone began to form up, some chatter started and even an occasional smile was seen. By the time we were done with our stretching, push-ups and other exercises it was a completely different and more positive environment. Then after a few motivational words, and a deep breath, we were off.

Since I was in one of the last flights to begin, I had the opportunity to watch all the other groups pass by directly in front of me. A few units carried items (bombs, stretchers, and yes, even a cash register) to proudly display who they were and what they did. That's when I saw the smiles and the spirit in each unit

as their guideon passed by and they started to run.

Soon you could hear the chants as each group tried to motivate themselves as the fatigue of the run began to set in. It was then that I noticed all the smiles and words of encouragement coming from within my own flight as we each tried to push each other along so we could

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all finish the same way we started-together, as a complete flight.

As we passed block after block, and ran mile after mile, you could see each flight step it up a notch as they passed the road guards and received shouts of encouragement. This proud display of teamwork continued until we reached our goal, and the finish line was in sight. That's when Team Hickam really came together. We gave it all we could as we responded to the motivational music and cheers of those

lined up along the final stretch-and then we were done.

Once again I scanned the crowd as we waited to be dismissed. I noticed all the smiles and the pats-on-the-back. Even through the fatigue and sweat everyone was joking and standing with their heads raised high. Most may not admit it, but it was obvious that we enjoyed what we did and felt a sense of accomplishment. Camaraderie and esprit de corps were proudly displayed.

By now you must be thinking that the "It" I'm talking about is the Warrior Run, which is partially true. However, the "It" I really mean is your attitude on life in general. How many times do we go into "things" with a negative attitude only to find out that it wasn't that bad or that we even enjoyed ourselves in the end. It's easy to smile when we get orders to Hawaii, but what about when the orders are to Grand Forks?

Life throws a lot at us that we have to deal with as we grow and move into uncharted territory-we need to make the decision on how we are going to respond. We can't control most of what happens to us throughout our lives, but we can control our attitude. Although it's difficult to keep a smile on your face all the time, try keeping a positive perspective and give "it" a chance-in the end you may be surprised by the results!

Action Line

The Action Line is your direct link to me so we can work as a team to make Hickam a better community.

I urge you to use the normal chain of command first. If you have done this and are still not satisfied, give my commander's Action Line a call.

If you would like me to get back to you, leave your name and number, state your issue, tell me who you have talked to and why you were not satisfied with their response.

I'll work your issue and respond verbally or in writing. The Action Line number is 449-2996. Messages may also be sent by e-mail to 15aw.pal@hickam.af.mil.

Play group

Comment: I would like to know why the Hickam Play Group Program is no longer being offered to the base populace. Could you please explain the rationale for can-

celing this outstanding program for children.

Response: Let me start off by stating the Hickam Play Group is not going away. The positive feedback the Airman and Family Readiness Center has received is evidence of its success. Unfortunately, due to budget constraints we are making minor changes to the program. We want to continue this valuable program and the Airman and Family Readiness

Center has partnered with the Armed Services YMCA to offer play group twice a week beginning from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Preteen Pavilion, Bldg. 1399.

If you have additional questions or concerns, call the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 449-0303 or 449-0304, they stand ready to assist. Thank you for bringing this to my attention and for your concerns for the health and welfare of our children.

Women's Earrings

Earrings for women will be small spherical, conservative diamond, gold, white pearl, or silver with any uniform combination and worn as a set. If member has multiple holes, only one set of earrings will be worn in the lowest hole on the earlobe. Female military members will conform to earring wear when performing duty in civilian clothes.

Questions?
Contact your First Sergeant



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449-0175
Law Enforcement Desk
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Base Chaplain
449-1754
Military Family Abuse Shelter
533-7125
SARC Hotline
449-7272

Hickam recycling, redemption centers manage waste material

Patricia Teran-Matthews
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Environmental Restoration

Although it's not a traditional holiday, Nov. 15 is a holiday that people can celebrate it just the same.

It is America Recycles Day – a special day set aside to encourage Americans to recycle and buy recycled products.

Not only is this a special day to remember to recycle and buy recycled materials, but it is a perfect opportunity to stop and think about garbage and waste. What happens to the waste when people just throw it all away? It needs to go somewhere.

Recycling has proven to be an easy and effective way to manage waste. According to www.americarecycles-day.org, the average American generates about seven and a half pounds of waste each day – nearly 1 ton a year. Recycling plastic, metal, glass, and paper significantly reduces the amount of material sent to incinerators and landfills, and it can be used to make many new products as well.

When a landfill reaches maximum capacity, an unpopular and seemingly unavoidable alternative is to open up another one, but who wants garbage in their own backyard. Especially on an island the size of Oahu, the idea becomes unthinkable for residents and visitors since it is impossible to hide a landfill. As unthinkable as it may be, people should think about it because it inevitably will go somewhere, but whose backyard

will it end up in?

The easiest way to slow down landfill use is to reduce, reuse and recycle. In addition to reducing waste at landfills, using recycled material means that manufacturers take fewer raw materials from the environment. This saves a lot of energy and helps preserve natural habitats and the planet.

“One person's contribution turns into an entire base's contributions,” said Ron Lanier, 15th Civil Engineer Squadron Environmental Flight Chief.

Mr. Lanier emphasized the 15th Airlift Wing commitment to preserving the environment and the planet's precious and dwindling resources. People can see the commitment through its comprehensive recycling services programs throughout base housing, in administrative buildings, at the recycling center-recycling programs are all around base.

“Team Hickam is doing its part to protect and preserve the environment,” said Mr. Lanier, “One of the most effective ways we do that is through our proactive recycling program...and we're doing it one can and one piece of paper at a time,” he said.

Did You Know?

At the Redemption Center, the customer receives a voucher when redeeming the beverage container deposit, equivalent to 5 cents for each container. The center staff will count containers or weigh them. When recycling, aluminum cans can be whole or crushed, but remember to remove caps



Photo by Senior Airman Erin Smith

Staff Sgt. Roberto Vazquez, 735th Air Mobility Squadron returns bottles and cans to the redemption center.

from bottles.

Thanks to a unique internal Air Force partnership and agreement between 15th Civil Engineer Squadron and 15th Services Squadron, people can redeem the vouchers at the enlisted club, officer's club and bowling alley. This ideal unit and booster club fundraising alternative not only helps preserve the environment, but it comes back to the Air Force community as well.

So when people are thinking about what to do on the Nov. 15 holiday, stop by the recycling center and keep those items in the trash can from becoming garbage in someone's back yard: recycle!

Hours of Operation

Recycling Center
Monday-Friday
7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Redemption Center
Thursday and Friday
2-6 p.m.

Saturday 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

The Recycling Center is located at building 1715 behind the GSA store and car wash, before the Kuntz gate. Call the Recycling Center at 449-5754 for additional information.

Unified Engagement '06 comes to an end

By Tech Sgt. Tom Czerwinski
PACAF Public Affairs

In what has been deemed one of the largest multi-force, multi-national wargame simulations in the Pacific, Unified Engagement 2006 came to an end here Thursday.

During the past week, more than 300 military and civilian members from five countries gathered at the Command Battle Training Center here to take part in one of two of the Chief of Staff of the Air Force's wargames that used a fictitious scenario set 12 to 15 years into the future.

Through cooperation between the U.S. Air Force and services from the United Kingdom, Australia and Canada, UE-06 was deemed a success.

“Unified Engagement, led by the Air Force, was a tremendous opportunity for joint services to sit down with our great friends and allies across the Pacific, especially those from Australia, the United Kingdom and Canada,” said Lt. Gen. Chip Utterback, commander of 13th Air Force. “This series of events not only exposed participants to joint and coalition operations and the difficulties that come along with those operations, but also allowed them to look at potential capabilities and personnel shortfalls, and how to better work with partner nations through the full spectrum of conflict 12 to 15 years in the future.”

The fact UE was set in the future was an important element for the participating countries, because it allowed the United States and its allies to think about future force structures and how well they can work together in concert.

“It was a very important event for Australia,” said Vice Air Marshall, John Quaife, Australian Combined Joint Task Force commander. “The fact our key planners rehearsed, practiced and had exposure to their counterparts will allow us to work smoothly when we go to execute our next operations (together).”

The participants from the countries involved in UE-06 had a significant role exploring and exploiting different operational concepts during the eight-day event.

“For Canada it has been a great opportunity, because we are in midst of significant force development activity for the entire Canadian force and we are quite busy developing new concepts and capabilities that will be rolling out over the next 10 to 12 years - so the timing here is good,” said Canadian Air Force Brig. Gen. Pierre Forgues, head of Canadian force development.

The Pacific theater was chosen to host this year's UE-06 by the CSAF, because of the unique challenges that occur from many nations working together in a region to further its stability and security.

“Our president called this the ‘Century of the Pacific,’” said General Utterback. “Historically UE is held at a strategic level, so the benefit of having UE-06 here in the Pacific is that we took the game to the warfighter. The results will help us make decisions to structure our force for the future,” he said.

Retiring brigadier general anticipates civilian life

By Kirsten Tacker
Kukini Photojournalist

Retirement approaches after 20 moves in 30 years for Brig. Gen. Greg Ihde, 13th Air Force vice commander and 613th Air and Space Operations Center commander.

General Ihde served in operational and staff assignments in the Pacific, continental U.S. and in Europe including deployments.

He's a command pilot with more than 4,000 flying hours in bomber, fighter and trainer aircraft.

“I've been blessed to fly with the very best people,” said General Ihde. “Our Air Force is filled with wonderfully talented and gifted folks. It has been a pleasure to work with all of them.”

General Ihde has flown RF-4, F-16, T-37, T-38 and HH-60 and continues to fly.

“I joined to fly and that is what I always wanted to do,” said General Ihde. “I got to do that from the very beginning. I started off as a navigator, weapons system operator and went to pilot training and I've been flying jets ever since.”

General Ihde's flying career began in an RF-4.

“The opportunities have been tremendous for me and I've always tried to make the most of those,” said General Ihde. “I pass on what I know to everyone.”

He passes on these thoughts to the younger Airmen, work hard, be positive and enjoy life.

General Ihde's official retirement ceremony takes place Nov. 16.

“Retirement is a scary thing,”

said General Ihde.

After his time in the Air Force, General Ihde is ready to give others the opportunities to rise in rank.

“Retirement is a misnomer,” said General Ihde. “It is time to let the younger kids takeover and make a slot for somebody to move up and keep influencing. The odds were pretty good I wasn't going to fly after this.”

He considers retirement a misnomer because he is leaving the Air Force, but will continue to work as a civilian.

“Right now, it is the excitement of trying to find out what it is I want to do,” said General Ihde. “Then finding someone who will share that with me in the form of a job.”

As close as he is to retiring General Ihde hasn't decided what he wants as a job and where he and his family will live.

“You know I could very well work in some area that I have probably been practicing for the last 30 years,” said General Ihde. “Whether that deals with aircraft or command and control, leadership or management. All of those things will probably work in well.”

Deciding where to live after so many moves would seem to be a daunting task for just about anyone.

“It doesn't matter where we live,” said General Ihde. “I know that is a surprising thing, because many of the companies ask you that too. To

be honest with you Sally and I enjoyed every place we've been.”

Transitioning from living in one place on the average of one and half years each move, makes the idea of living in one spot longer than that out of the norm.

“I am not sure we are going to buy a house and live there for the rest of our lives,” said General Ihde.

General Ihde will miss many of the benefits that came with his job. “It's nice to know I am going to a base and probably for the last 10 years every job I've had comes with a house,” said General Ihde. “We've been on base for a long time now. There is convenience and security in that. There are some down sides too, like you are always at work.”

Another aspect of the benefits that came with his job is the Air Force family.

“Honestly, I look at the Air Force as a family,” said General Ihde. “We've got friends all over the world and people that will look out for you. I've found that to be wherever we've been. If there has been a tragedy people step up and ask how can we help?”

The bond of the Air Force family is a strong bond and for General Ihde it is wonderful to him to have that bond.

“I think that is going to be a big change on the outside from everybody I've spoken to,” said General Ihde. “I am not saying small communities wouldn't stand by a neighbor.”

There is another layer that makes the Air Force family bond even stronger.



Brig. Gen. Greg Ihde

“Retirement is a misnomer,” said General Ihde. “It is time to let the younger kids takeover and make a slot for somebody to move up and keep influencing.”

“Regardless of why you joined the Air Force at some point in your career it becomes very much we took an oath to support and defend the constitution,” said General Ihde. “Everybody has that bond.”

It is such a small percentage of America that has taken that oath.

“I think everybody feels special for that reason,” said General Ihde. “With that comes a strong bond, when somebody is in trouble they support and take care of you. From joyous events to people getting killed, there is a tremendous sense of family. I think that is not going to happen in the next part of life.”

The next phase of his life his immediate family will be there, but not his Air Force family.

“Let me tell you about families, because I've got three kids and a wonderful wife,” said General Ihde. “Obviously it takes all that to make a career with a lot of moves to work. Moves don't hurt people.”

General Ihde and his family are a testimony with their frequent moves.

“Our Air Force is trying to make life a little more stabilized right now, but my two oldest boys went to three different high schools and my daughter went to four. Yet, they are as balanced in my mind as anybody I've seen.”

With all the moves and exposure to different countries, his children learned to adapt to life and make friends quickly.

“They are not afraid to talk to anyone and felt very comfortable in an overseas environment,” said General Ihde. “I think that ends up being a blessing when you can actually pick up a history book and read about Pompeii or Mount Vesuvius and go, ‘hey I was there’. It just brings it to life.”

General Ihde has a theory if the job ever overshadowed the needs of his family.

“My theory on that and this has always been my theory, in fact, I tell everybody at every base I've ever been at,” said General Ihde. “If it comes down to your family and the job, go with your family. You are going to be with them for the rest of your life if that's what you want. You can always get another job.”

“Sometimes I think some of our Airmen who want to stay in one location for a long period of time are maybe cheating themselves and their families out of some wonderful opportunities,” he continued. “It takes a very compatible family to be able to do that and I've been blessed with that.”

AAFES helps troops call home on Veteran's Day

By Master Sgt. Donovan Potter
AAFES Public Affairs

Since President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed legislation to change “Armistice Day” to Veterans Day in 1954, Nov. 11 has been a day to honor those who served in all American wars.

While a grateful nation plans to honor veterans with parades and speeches, and preparations begin for the national ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery, the Army & Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) is partnering with the American public to bolster the morale of tomorrow’s veterans this Veteran’s Day.

“While we salute the contributions of those who went before us, we should also acknowledge those serving on the battlefields of Iraq and Afghanistan today,” said the AAFES’ Senior Enlisted Advisor Chief Master Sgt. Bryan Eaton. “It’s important every American knows that phone cards once only available to those in uniform can be ordered by anyone and sent to Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines who find themselves far from home.”

With rates as low as 19 cents per minute, AAFES’ 550-Unit Military Exchange Global Prepaid phone card, available at www.aafes.org or toll free 800-527-2345, can provide more than three hours of talk time from Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom to the United States. Started in April 2004, the “Help Our Troops Call Home” phone card campaign allows anyone to leverage military-exclusive calling cards on behalf of deployed troops. To date,

this effort has provided more than \$4 million in free calls.

“There’s never a shortage of eager troops waiting to sit down and connect with home through one of AAFES’ 70 phone centers in the contingency theater,” said Eaton. “In fact, just last month, troops on the front lines of the Global War on Terrorism spent more than 10 million minutes on the phone with loved ones minding the home front.”

As of Oct. 1, the American public has sent 108,711 Military Exchange Global Prepaid phone cards since the inception of “Help Our Troops Call Home.”

“Even if you don’t know a particular service member, we can work with charitable partners to get the phone cards into the hands of someone who really needs them,” said Eaton. “It might be the Red Cross providing a phone card to a deployed Marine who has received an emergency notification from home, Air Force Aid Society helping a child talk to a deployed parent or an injured Soldier reassuring mom and dad that they’re okay while recovering at Fisher House. Regardless, this military command has negotiated the best rates and coordinated the facilities to make the calls. Now all we need is to show these warriors we are thinking of them and sending the means to connect with loved ones back home.”

Organizations, businesses and individuals can log on to www.aafes.org and click the “Help Our Troops Call Home” link or call 800-527-2345 for more information on Military Exchange Global Prepaid phone cards.

An ounce of prevention ...



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Bryan Gatewood

Airman 1st Class Mirtha Blanco, 15th Medical Group Public Health, administers the flu mist to a patient Saturday at the Navy Exchange. Air Force, Navy and Army medical members were on hand Friday and Saturday and administered more than 1,200 vaccinations. Information was also available on this year's flu season and Pandemic Influenza.

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NOTES, From A1

accessible and the tether is no more than eight feet in length. Owners are also required to remove and properly dispose of their pet’s feces from any site on base.

Weight loss group – Individuals looking for support in their weight loss efforts can join a weight loss group. Call 423-3101 to be put on the list. Fifteen people are needed to start the class. The class will be Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For those who may have responded

earlier, please do so again as information was lost due to the recent power outages.

Cookie caper – Volunteers from Team Hickam are needed to help nearly 600 dorm residents feel at home during the holiday season.

Homemade cookies can be dropped off at the Daedalian Room of the officer’s club on Dec. 8 from 6:30 to 9 a.m. Volunteers are also needed to wrap the cookie care packages.

For more information, contact Capt. Collado at 448-6222 or Mrs. Liz Nelsen at 664-0072.

American Indian Heritage Month – Hickam will be celebrating American Indian Heritage Month this month. This year’s theme is: “A Warrior’s Tradition: Contributing to Our Nation’s Freedom.” For additional information, contact the 15th Airlift Wing Military Equal Opportunity office at 449-1701.

HYDROGEN, From A1

Increasing energy costs for the Air Force has significantly impacted money that would be better spent on the Global War on Terrorism or recapitalizing the aging fleet. Hydrogen is one of the key fuels considered for this initiative because it is renewable, abundant, efficient and unlike other alternates it produces no emissions.

“It’s great to be here today for such an exciting gathering for such an important subject. Our state is located 2,500 miles from anywhere and we are the most oil dependent state in America ...” said Gov. Lingle. “The opening of the United States Air Force’s first hydrogen station is a major milestone for Hawaii and for the nation.”

The first phase of this project focused on the development of all-electric, battery-powered vehicles and fast charging infrastructure. Phase II initiated the introduction of hydrogen fuel cell powered vehicles. In February 2004, Hawaii’s first fuel cell vehicle, a 30-foot shuttle bus powered by batteries and a fuel cell was introduced.

The bus has been operational here for the past two years. This was followed by two additional fuel cell powered vehicles: a step van and a MB-4 aircraft tow tractor.

The development and commissioning of the DOD’s first deployable on-site hydrogen generation system is a step toward the future for the Air Force, Hawaii, Hickam AFB and the hydrogen economy, according to Mr. Mead.

“Today’s Air Force is a deployable force, so we must have the technology developed to support the warfighter wherever they are deployed,” he said. “The on-site hydrogen generation or fuel system is one of those initiatives we are working on.”

In an effort to end this country’s dependence on foreign oil, the Air Force is leading the way.

“The hydrogen experiment is all part of developing domestic assured fuels so that the Air Force can do the job every day that you all pay us to do,” said Secretary Anderson. “And that job, of course, is to win the Global war on terrorism.”



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Shane Cuomo

The Honorable William C. Anderson, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for installations, environment and logistics speaks at the ceremony.



Minor vehicle accident

An active-duty Air Force member and an active-duty Navy member were involved in an accident at Vickers St. and Scott Circle. A report was filed.

An Air Force spouse and a active-duty Navy member were involved in an accident at Vickers and Scott Circle adjacent to the Airman and Family Readiness Center.

An active-duty Air Force spouse reported a vehicle accident on Manuwai St. adjacent to Bldg. 1711, the thrift shop.

An active-duty Air Force spouse and an active-duty Air Force member were involved in an accident adjacent to 2392B Mercury St.

Two active-duty Air Force members were involved in an accident at the parking lot adjacent to the base exchange.

Theft of government property

A retired Army spouse reported their DD Form 1173 Military Dependent

I.D. card was stolen. Honolulu Police Department was notified and a case was initiated.

Damage to private property

An active-duty Air Force member reported damage to their vehicle at Bldg. 1120, the base gym.

An active-duty Navy member reported damage to their vehicle. Estimated cost of damage is \$2500.

Shoplifting

An active-duty Air Force child was detained at the BX-tra for shoplifting. Total cost of stolen merchandise was \$159.90.

A retired Army member was detained at the BX-tra for shoplifting. Total cost of stolen merchandise is \$39.95.

Theft of personal property

A retired Army member reported their wallet was stolen from Bldg. 1168, Rm. 5621 of billeting.

An active-duty Air Force dependent reported their camera phone stolen from the fitness center.



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Mountain Home paper goes cyber

MOUNTAIN HOME AIR FORCE BASE, Idaho (AFPN) – An era will come to an end Dec. 22 when the base newspaper here, The Gunfighter, hits the streets for the last time.

The public affairs staff will become one of the first bases to transition from a traditional newspaper to a Web-based product. The transition decision is primarily in response to current personnel reductions and the wing's increased deployment operations tempo.

COMUSAFE visits Airmen

PRISTINA, Kosovo (AFPN) – U.S. Air Forces in Europe Commander Gen. William T. Hobbins visited Film City at Headquarters Kosovo Forces in Pristina, Kosovo. During his Nov. 6 visit, General Hobbins met with more than 40 Airmen assigned to Film City and Camp Bondsteel.

Upon his arrival, the KFOR commander, German Lt. Gen. Roland Kather greeted Gen. Hobbins' party, and U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Albert Bryant, KFOR chief of staff, briefed him on the KFOR mission.

General Hobbins spoke with deployed Airmen on the proposed manpower cuts and how it would affect USAFE and the Air Force as a whole. (By Master Sgt. Renee Kirkland, Headquarters Kosovo Forces Public Information Office)

Rescuers make order of chaos

PORTLAND AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, Ore. (AFPN) – In August 2003, a truck bomb exploded at the United Nations headquarters in downtown Baghdad, collaps-

Fuel for the fight



Photo by Capt. Justin T. Watson

A Royal Air Force Tornado bomber/fighter aircraft prepares to connect with the trailing drogue of a KC-10 Extender over Iraq Nov. 5. The KC-10 is assigned to the

380th Air Expeditionary Wing, the largest air refueling unit in Southwest Asia, using KC-10s and KC-135 Stratotankers to fuel U.S. and allied aircraft.

ing three floors of the four-story building. Hundreds of people died. Hundreds more were trapped under collapsed rebar, steel and concrete.

Tech Sgt. Andrew Canfield, lead Air Force Reserve Command pararescue jumper and deployed to Baghdad International Airport at the time, was called to help rescue the victims. The 304th Rescue Squadron PJ from here recalled the chaos at the scene -- distraught Iraqi and American civilians scrambling around, bodies slowly piling up at a casualty collection point as bystanders pulled bodies from the rubble.

Fast-forward to October 2006. Eleven pararescuemen and a combat rescue officer from the 304th RQS here learned lessons from that rescue, as well as new techniques for saving lives. (By Master Sgt. Ruby Zarzyczny, 939th Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs)

Health care for reservists

WASHINGTON (AFPN) – In addition to a 2.2 percent across-the-board pay raise, Air Force reservists can look forward to better health care options in 2007.

reservists can enroll in the new Tricare Standard for Selected Reserve health plan. They pay 28 percent of the premiums. The federal government picks up the rest of the tab.

The plan replaces the current three-tier Tricare Reserve Select system. The first tier of

\$81 monthly premiums for reservists without dependents who recently participated in a contingency operation. Cost of the plan jumps to \$767 a month for non-deployed reservists and their families who are eligible to sign up for employer-provided health care.

Timing right for new leadership

WASHINGTON (AFPN) – Calling Donald H. Rumsfeld “a superb leader during a time of change,” President Bush announced at a White House news conference today that he and Secretary Rumsfeld have agreed the time has come for a change in leadership at the Pentagon.

President Bush said he will nominate Bob Gates, current president of Texas A&M University, to succeed Mr. Rumsfeld as secretary of defense.

“Our military has experienced an enormous amount of change and reform during the last five years while fighting the war on terror, one of the most consequential wars in our nation’s history,” the president said. “Don Rumsfeld has been a superb leader during a time of change, yet he also appreciates the value of bringing in a fresh perspective during this time of war.

“Don Rumsfeld is a patriot and has served our country with honor and distinction,” President Bush continued. “He is a trusted advisor and a friend, and I’m deeply grateful for his service to our country.”

Veterans Day schedules

The following facilities will be closed today in observance of Veteran’s Day: The E’ Club, the O’ Club, Wright Bros., ITT, the Library, the Vet Clinic, Pool 1 and 2, the Auto Hobby Center and the Arts and Crafts Center. The Fitness and Sports Center’s holiday hours will be 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., the Bowling Center will be open from noon to 9 p.m. and Recreation Equipment Issue will be open from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Splash-tacular open house

Outdoor Recreation hosts Splash-Tacular Open House today from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Learn all about what’s in, on and under Hickam Harbor. See sea creatures and spend the afternoon enjoying the waterslide and other activities.

It’s free for everyone. For more information, call 449-5215.

Teen canned goods drive dance

Helping Ronald McDonald House Charities while having a dancing good time “can” and will be done during the Pre-Teens Canned Goods Drive Dance tonight from 6 to 9 p.m. Admission is a requested donation of \$5, \$3 for Teen Center members or free for anyone who brings five canned goods. For more information, call 448-2296.

Wash me

The Auto Hobby Center’s automatic car wash will close its bay doors forever on Monday... in order to make room for an all new one opening Nov. 25. You can still

keep ‘er clean as the three manual bays will remain open during the interim. For more information, call 449-2554.

Kiddie/family fun night

Glen Baily and the Junior Magicians perform at the Enlisted Club’s Kiddie/Family Fun Night Wednesday. The doors open at 5:15 p.m. and a dinner buffet will be served from 5:30 to 6:45. This event is open only to Members, their spouses and children. Tickets are necessary and must be picked up by noon on Tuesday. They cost \$5 per person or \$20 per family. No coupons are accepted and no refunds will be issued. For more information, call 448-2271.

Scrap night

Thursday evening’s Scrap Night

at the Arts and Crafts Center focuses on Thanksgiving traditions. As always, there will be food, fun and door prizes from 5 to 9:30 p.m. For more information, call 449-1568.

One-day tour to Moloka’i

Prepare for departure Nov. 18 and island-hop with a one-day tour of Moloka’i. Fly in a luxury charter and experience a fully narrated tour of the historic Kalaupapa settlement for people with Hansen’s disease. The cost is \$325 per person. For more information, call Information, Tickets and Travel at 448-2295.

E’ Club turkey take-out

Have a stress-free Thanksgiving by taking home a fully prepared turkey with all the trimmings from the Enlisted Club for only \$61.95

with a \$2 Members First discount available. Tickets must be purchased by 11 a.m. Nov. 22 at the Customer Service Center. Packages may be picked up between 9 and 11 a.m. on the J.R. Rockers Lanai on Thanksgiving Day. For more information, call 448-2271.

O’Club turkey take-out

It’s an entire holiday feast to-go, prepared by the Officers’ Club’s culinary experts for only \$61.95 with a \$2 Members First discount available. Tickets must be purchased by noon Nov. 22 at the Customer Service Center. Packages may be picked up between 9 a.m. and noon at the Polynesian Gazebo on Thanksgiving Day. For more information, call 448-4608